In the second case in which 5355 kgs. of ganja was seized on 21-2-93, two persons belonging to Manipur were arrested. The seized ganja was loaded in a TATA truck, packed in polythene packets of about 10—20 Kgs. On top of the truck there was a layer of ginger packed in gunny bags. The contraband was being transported to Bihar.

In the third case in which 1200 kgs. of ganja was seized on 23-2-93, one person belonging to Manipur was arrested. The ganja was packed in polythene packets of 15—20 Kgs. each. It was being carried in TATA truck which was loaded with empty bottles packed in gunny bags and the ganja packets were hidden under the bags of empty bottles. It was being taken to Bihar.

In the fourth case in which 4425 Kgs. of ganja was seized on 25-2-93, one person belonging to Nagaland was arrested. The ganja was being carried in a TATA truck. It was packed in polythene packets of 15—20 Kgs. These packets of ganja were kept covered with bags of ginger placed at the top layer of the goods in the truck.

850 Gms. of heroin powder was seized on 13-3-93 and six of Dimapur (Nagaland) were arrested. They were jointly disposing of by sale small quantity of heroin which was brought by an illegal operator whom they have not identified for fear of reprisal. Still efforts are going on to identify and apprehend the gang leader.

The following steps have been taken by Nagaland Police:—

(i) All the Police Check Gates have been altered for stricter checking of vehicles to detect narotic drugs.

(ii) Surprise checks/raids have been organised at various suspected places.

(iii) Policemen suspected to be lenient with traffickers or involving in corruption to allow passage of narcotic drugs from the check gates have been suspended and departmental actions initiated for imposing punishment.

(iv) A proposal for augmenting the strength of Narcotic Cell together with other facilities has been initiated so that all the suspected routes can be covered and activities of State Police Narcotic Cell can be expanded.

(v) Intimation has been sent to the Police authorities of the neighbouring State of Manipur from where all such Narcotic drugs were brought through Nagaland of taking effective measures in their territory.

(vi) Proposal for establishment of special courts under NDPS Act has been initiated so that trial of such cases can be expedited and the culprits punished in time.

(vii) Proposal for establishment of Forensic Science Laboratory with equipments for testing Drugs has been initiated so that investigations into the cases can beexpedited.

(viii) The Reward Scheme introduced by Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) for seizures of narcotic drugs has been publicised in order to motivate informers and Police officers.

Bifurcation of Hyderabad Telecom

*107. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal

under Government's consideration to bifurcate Hyderabad Telecom into two separate administrative units;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to decentralise Hyderabad Telecom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Area Managers Scheme has been introduced with effect from 16.7.93 to provide better service in the matters relating to commercial, billing, operations and maintenance activities.

*108. [*Transferred to 5th August, 1993*]

Announcement of long-term-garment export entitlement policy

109. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in announcing long term Garments Export Entitlement Policy beginning from 1994 is affecting export of silk unembroidered garments which are directly in competition with China; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Export of pure silk garments is not subject to any quantitative restrictions. Therefore, announcement of the Long Term Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy does not have any direct bearing on such exports.

Recommendations of expert committee on industrial sickness

*110. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee set up by the Finance Ministry recently to enquire into the industrial sickness and corporate resturcturing has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, when and what recommendations have been made by the Committee pertaining to (i) the role of the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, FERA & C.B.D.T., and (ii) amendment proposed in the Sick Industrial Act, Companies Act and Urban Land Ceiling Act besides other recommendations; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government of India on the above Committee's Report and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has submitted a number of recommendations with regard to the industrial and financial sector. These, interalia, include:—

(i) Empowering the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) or speedier restructuring, winding up and sale of assets of companies by enactment of suitable legislation;

(ii) Changes in the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, 1973 to attract foreign capital and equity;

(iii) Amendment of taxation laws to facilitate mergers/amalgamations of companies;